Non-availability of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

1353. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many a time, prescribed medicines are not available in CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that chemists of CGHS are frequently going on strike over the last three years;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) what is the total amount that Government collected from CGHS beneficiaries during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Adequate quantity of medicines are available in the CGHS dispensaries and supplied to the beneficiaries on the same day. However, the medicines which are not available in the dispensaries are procured through Authorised Local Chemists on individual prescription basis. In the case of CGHS dispensaries which do not have any authorised local chemist attached to them, the CGHS beneficiaries (including pensioners) are permitted to purchase the medicines from the open market for which reimbursement is made by the Government.

The Authorised local chemists of CGHS Delhi had gone on strike on four occasions in the last three years during the period:-

(i) 1.11.2002 to 15.1.2003

(ii) 1.3.2003 to 5.3.2003

(iii) 8.3.2004 to 4.4.2004

(iv) 17.2.2005 to 28.2.2005

The Govt. has already approved the Combined formulary for the MSO/ CGHS in respect of 504 proprietary drugs. Action to procure medicines for the CGHS as per the formulary has been initiated. As a result, availability of drugs in CGHS dispensaries is expected to improve further thereby reducing the dependence of CGHS on the Authorised Local Chemists.

(d) The information is given in the statement.

Statement

Revenue receipts in respect of CGHS

(In thousands of rupees)

DESCRIPTION	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Receipts			
From all Civil Ministries excluding Ministry of Health	183417	183447	241803
From Ministry of Health	473084	394447	422173
Total Receipts	656501	577394	663976

Upgradation of hospitals in Uttar Pradesh

1354. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to provide funds to the State of Uttar Pradesh for upgradation and strengthening of various hospitals and primary health centres in the State during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise/primary-health centre-wise; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, for releasing funds to Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Under the National Rural Health Mission, launched in the entire country on 12.4.2005, to address the need for providing quality health care facilities through public health infrastructure, it has been decided to provide necessary funds for upgradation of 140 CHCs @ Rs. 20.00 lakh/CHC.

Further, it has been decided to provide Rs. 257.5 crores for the current financial year to Uttar Pradesh as per their State Reproductive and Child Health Programme Implementation Plan (PIP). The Government has